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GROUP 1700AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2003 for the above identified patent application.

In the Claims:

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A. A complete clean listing of pending claims 1-13 and 16-39 is included in Appendix B.

Please amend claims 1, 19, 23, 27, 29, 32 and 36 as follows:

B1 1. (Twice Amended) A non-erasable, organic solvent based ink composition for a writing instrument comprising an isocyanate free thermoplastic polyurethane resin, an organic solvent and a colorant, wherein the viscosity of the ink composition is from about 1,000 to about 50,000 cps at 20° C.

B2 19. (Twice Amended) A non-erasable, organic solvent based ink composition for a writing instrument comprising an isocyanate free thermoplastic polyurethane resin, an organic solvent, a colorant and a second resin, wherein the viscosity of the ink composition is from about 1,000 to about 50,000 cps at 20° C.